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SUBJECT: ITALIAN EMBASSY ASYLEE RAFAEL GONZALEZ

REF: A. STATE 171818 B. SANTIAGO 6129 C. STATE 177844

1. ON JULY 28 ITALIAN CHARGE DE VERGOTINI PRESENTED THE GOC WITH A NOTE REQUESTING "SAFE CONDUCT OR ANOTHER FORM OF GUARANTEE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THEM (THE GONZALEZ FAMILY) TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY." IN ADDITION, THE NOTE POINTS OUT THAT THE GOC UNDER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR IN A LETTER OF MARCH 3, 1976, STATED "THAT MR. RAFAEL GONZALEZ VERDUGO AND FAMILY CAN LEAVE THE COUNTRY SIMPLY BY COMPLYING WITH THE ORDINARY PROCEDURES CONTEMPLATED BY RELEVANT LEGISLATION IN RESPECT OF WHICH THIS MINISTRY SEES NO IMPEDIMENT;" AND INFORMED GOC THAT MR. AND MRS. GONZALEZ HAVE AIR TICKETS, RED CROSS TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND CURRENT CHILEAN PASSPORTS (THEIR MINOR SON IS A US CITIZEN AND HAS A US PASSPORT).

2. COMMENT. THE ASSERTION THAT RAFAEL GONZALEZ HAS A CHILEAN PASSPORT NOT SURPRISING. IT COULD BE A CASE
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OF LACK OF COORDINATION WITHIN THE GOC, OR IT MAY BE THAT THE CHILEANS HAVE DECIDED TO LET GONZALEZ GO. IN ANY CASE, WE ARE WORKING TO MAKE SURE THAT US ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ARE ALL FULFILLED IN CASE INSTANT DEPARTURE BECOMES NECESSARY.

3. AS INSTRUCTED (REF A), I RAISED THE MATTER WITH

THE GOC. I WOULD ANTICIPATE A RESPONSE BEFORE
AMBASSADOR TODMAN'S ARRIVAL. AFTER REPEATED REPRESENTATIONS, I AM SURE THE GOC IS AWARE OF USG INTEREST IN THE GONZALEZ ASYLUM CASE. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT AMBASSADOR TODMAN SHOULD RAISE IT DURING HIS VISIT. IF THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON THE GOC MIGHT BE HELPFUL, I RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR CAUAS BE CALLED IN AND THAT REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE IN WASHINGTON--PERHAPS BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEDMAN.
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